

REMARKS:

- 1) This Amendment After Allowance is being filed together with the payment of the Issue Fee, and complies with 37 CFR 1.312.
- 2) This Amendment merely corrects formal matters in the claims without changing the scope thereof, so the primary Examiner has authority to enter these amendments (see MPEP 714.16). Certain claim terminology has been revised for consistency throughout the claims, for example always referring to "said **further** row (7) of rivets" rather than sometimes referring to "said **second** row (7) of rivets" which is not positively introduced but actually intends to refer to the **further** row of rivets. A few other minor editorial and streamlining amendments for consistent terminology and antecedent basis have also been made. These amendments are not extensive and will require no substantial amount of additional work by the USPTO.
- 3) Entry of the Amendment After Allowance is respectfully requested.

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